AMENDMENT UNDER 37 C.F.R. § 1.116 EXPEDITED PROSECUTION - GROUP ART UNIT 1631

03560.003310 PATENT APPLICATION

IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re Application of:)	
		:	Examiner: E. Dejong
TADASHI OKAMOTO ET AL.)	
		:	Group Art Unit: 1631
Application No.: 10/601,777)	
		:	Confirmation No. 9502
Filed: June 24, 2003)	
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For:	A METHOD FOR ACQUIRING)	
	INFORMATION OF A BIOCHIP	:	
	USING TIME OF FLIGHT)	
	SECONDARY ION MASS	:	
	SPECTROMETRY AND AN)	
	APPARATUS FOR ACQUIRING	:	
	INFORMATION FOR THE)	
	APPLICATION THEREOF	:	October 30, 2006

Commissioner for Patents P.O. Box 1450 Alexandria, VA 22313-1450 **Mail Stop AF**

AMENDMENT AFTER FINAL REJECTION

Sir:

A. Introductory Comments

In response to the final Office Action dated August 30, 2006, please amend the above-captioned application as follows and consider the following remarks.